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REMARKS

Claims 41-56 are currently pending in the present application.

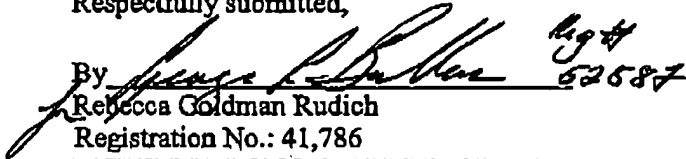
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone conference on April 2, 2004 discussing the rejection of claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant amends claim 41, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of this amendment, Applicant believes claims 41-56 are in condition for allowance and such action is hereby solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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